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SUBJECT: AEROMEXICO PLANS CHANGE IN FLEET COMPOSITION

1. THE NEW MANAGEMENT AT AEROMEXICO IS CONSIDERING A FIVE YEAR PLAN, WHICH, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COMPOSITION OF ITS FLEET AND A FORTY PERCENT INCREASE IN CARRYING CAPACITY. THE LINE'S PRESENT FLEET CONSISTS OF FIVE DC 8-51'S, TWO DC-10'S, TEN DC 9-10'S AND SEVEN DC 9-30'S. THE PLAN UNDER CONSIDERATION CALLS FOR DISPOSING OF THE DC 8-51'S AND DC 9-10'S AND REPLACING THEM WITH FIVE USED DC 8-63'S (STRETCHED MODELS) AND SEVENTEEN NEW AND USED BOEING 727-200'S. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, AEROMEXICO HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH BOEING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 727-200'S AT A COST OF 56 MILLION DOLLARS FOR DELIVERY TWO IN AUGUST 78, ONE IN NOVEMBER 78 AND ONE IN JANUARY 79. THE REMAINDER WOULD EITHER BE PURCHASED SECOND-HAND OR LEASED AS WOULD THE STRETCHED DC 8-63'S.

2. THE OBJECT OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE TO CHANGE THE PRESENT FLEET FOR A MORE EFFICIENT ONE AND TO MEET THE LINE'S GROWING CAPACITY NEEDS. NO NEW PURCHASES OF DC 10'S ARE CONTEMPLATED BECAUSE OF THEIR COST AND THE LACK OF HIGH DENSITY ROUTES. THE COMPANY'S TWO DC 10'S

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WERE RECENTLY SWITCHED FROM THE MEXICO CITY-NEW YORK RUN TO THE MEXICO CITY-GUADALAJARA-TIJUANA ROUTE WHICH AEROMEXICO HOPES TO DEVELOP INTO A PAYING PROPOSITION.

3. APPROVAL OF PROGRAM WILL OFFER U.S. SUPPLIERS SALE AND LEASE OPPORTUNITIES. THOMPSON

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